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POPE ANCESTRY

(Compiled from "Col. Nathaniel Pope and his Descendants," by Rev. G. W. Beale, D. D., in QUARTERLY, XII, 192-196, and memoranda furnished by P. P. Dabney, Portland, Oregon, from the Family Bible of Capt. William Pope, of "Montpelier," Powhatan County, Virginia.)

FIRST GENERATION

Nathaniel Pope, first settler, came from England, settled in Maryland about 1637; removed to Virginia in 1650, commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of Westmoreland Troops, April 4, 1655; will dated May 16, 1659; probated April 26, 1660. He married Lucy ————. (named in his will "Luce.") Issue: Thomas, *Nathaniel,* Anne, who married Col. John Washington, Margaret, who married William Hardwich.

SECOND GENERATION

Nathaniel Pope, second son of Col. Nathaniel Pope; obtained patent for land on Hollis Creek in 1661, and transferred it to John Watts in 1665; married Mary Sisson (sister to Daniel Sisson, interpreter for the Indians) and, dying early without will, left an only son *Nathaniel Pope.* Mary Sisson married 2dly ———— Bridges, and becoming a widow again married 3rdly Lewis Nicholas, by whom she had a son Lewis. Having been widowed the third time, she married as her fourth husband, David Whitliffe or Wickliffe, the first Protestant born in the Province of Maryland. By him she had two sons and a daughter, named David, Robert, and Deborah Wickliffe.

THIRD GENERATION

Nathaniel Pope, called in the records Nathaniel, "alias Bridges," because of his mother's second marriage, was a Practitioner of Law, King's Attorney for Westmoreland County, clerk

of Stafford County &c. He died in 1719. Married Jane, daughter of Original and Jane (Brooks) Brown and had issue: William, Mary, Lewis, *John,* Jane, Worden, Elizabeth.

FOURTH GENERATION

John Pope, married his cousin Elizabeth Pope, only daughter and heiress of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Peirce) Pope. This Nathaniel Pope was the son of Thomas Pope and Joanna his wife, and Thomas Pope was the eldest son of Col. Nathaniel Pope, of the first generation. Elizabeth (Peirce) Pope was a daughter of Col. William Peirce and Sarah Underwood his wife. Col. William Pierce was, it is believed, a son of Capt. William Pierce, who sailed with Governor Gates from England in 1609, was captain of the Fort at Jamestown and was for many years one of the Council of State. Sarah Underwood was a daughter of William Underwood, of Rappahannock County (QUARTERLY, X., 276). John Pope and Elizabeth Pope his wife had issue: *Nathaniel,* John, Henry, William. After John Pope's death his widow married William Wroe.

FIFTH GENERATION

Nathaniel Pope, born in 1729. A deed dated May 20, 1753, made by him and recorded in King George County, Virginia, recites that he was the son of John Pope, and grandson of Nathaniel Pope. He removed to Louisa County where he married Lucy S. Fox, and reared a large family. He died at "Montpelier" Plantation, the home of his son, Capt. William Pope, in Powhatan County, Virginia, November 21, 1806. His wife, Lucy, died July 21, 1789, and both were buried in Louisa County, near the crossing of Thompson and Louisa roads. Their graves are marked by Stones erected and inscribed by their son Capt. *William Pope.*

Nathaniel Pope and Lucy S. Fox, his wife, had eight children (order of births not known), viz.:

(1) *William Pope,* generation No. 6 in these notes.

(2) John Pope who settled in Georgia and from whom were

descended U. S. Senator Pope Barrow of Georgia and Leroy Pope Walker, Secretary of War, *C. S. A.*

(3) Col. Nathaniel Pope, killed in duel with ——— Richardson at Taylorsville, Virginia. (See preface to Wirt, *Life of Patrick Henry*). He married his cousin ——— Duval, daughter of Col. William Duval, and had children, viz.: John Pope, of Fauquier County, Virginia; Charles F. Pope, of Goochland County, Virginia; William D. Pope, of Port Royal, Virginia, Catharine, who married Thomas C. Howard, of Richmond, Virginia.

(4) Lucetta, who married Col. Bell and moved to Kentucky and was grandmother of Gen. S. B. Maxey, United States Senator from Texas.

(5) A daughter, ———, who married Gov. Greenup, of Kentucky.

(6) A daughter, ———, who married William Duval and had a son William Pope Duval, first Governor of Florida, and sketched by Washington Irving under the name of "Ralph Ringwood."

(7) A daughter, ———, who married ——— Hunter and settled in Kentucky.

(8) Percy Smith Pope, captain in United States Army, served in Indian Wars in the south and died of yellow fever at Natchez, Mississippi, a bachelor.

SIXTH GENERATION

6. William Pope, known as Captain William Pope, born in Louisa County, Virginia, 23 October, 1762, died at his home "Montpelier" in Powhatan County, Virginia, 19 July, 1852. Was Commonwealth's Attorney of Powhatan County. Served in Revolutionary War and in War of 1812. Married Ann Woodson, daughter of Charles Woodson, Jr., and his wife, Nancy, nee Trotter. Had only one child *Lucy Ann,* born 21 May, 1793. Captain William Pope, his wife Ann Woodson, his daughter Lucy Ann and her husband, Robert Kelso Dabney, were all buried at "Montpelier," Powhatan County, Virginia. St. Memin profile

portraits of Captain Pope and his wife Ann and his daughter Lucy Ann are now in the possession of Percy Pope Dabney, of Portland, Oregon. Captain Pope was fond of literature, was a good story teller, and a correspondent and friend of William Wirt.[1]

The following is a copy of resolutions adopted by the County Court of Powhatan County, Virginia, on August 5, 1852, in memory of Captain William Pope:

"A Preamble and Resolutions adopted by a meeting of the members of the Court and its officers and the members of the Bar and other citizens of the County this day held in Testimony of their respect for the memory of Captain William Pope for many years a practitioner at the bar of this court and one of its officers were presented in court and ordered to be recorded and are in these words, to-wit:

"Whereas Captain William Pope, for many years a practitioner at the bar of this court and late the Prosecuting Attorney for the Commonwealth therein, the accomplished gentleman, the faithful friend, the devoted patriot, the social companion, the classic scholar and the pure philanthropist, the man of high toned honor, humanity, generosity and benevolence, departed this life at Montpelier, his residence in this County, on the 19th day of July, 1852, in the 90th year of his age.

"Be it therefore resolved that as a token of our grief for the loss and respect for the memory of our departed friend and beloved companion, William Pope, Esq., we will wear the usual, badge of mourning for thirty days.

"Whereupon the court doth order that one copy of the Preamble and Resolutions be sent by the clerk of this court to the family of the deceased and that another copy be forwarded to the Editors of the Richmond Newspapers with a request that it be published in their respective papers."

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[1] See Kennedy's *Life of William Wirt.*

SEVENTH GENERATION

7. Lucy Ann Pope, born 21 May, 1793, married Robert Kelso Dabney 24 January, 1827, died 21 March, 1834, and was buried at "Montpelier," Powhatan County, Virginia. Had three children, Charles, who died in infancy, William Pope Dabney and Robert Kelso Dabney. William Pope Dabney was judge of Powhatan and Cumberland Counties; was born at "Montpelier," Powhatan County, 17 July, 1829, married Leila Madison, of Orange County, and died March 5, 1894. Had eight children, among whom is Percy Pope Dabney, now of Portland, Oregon, Robert Kelso Dabney, married Nannie Marye, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and after the war moved to Sewanee, Tennessee, where he was professor of Metaphysics and died there in 1876, leaving a large family, only two of whom are now living.